

# Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility

## Laurie Johnson, Superintendent



### Fact Sheet

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**Mission:** The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility advances public safety and successful re-entry using evidence-based practices through education, training, and inspiring Residents to live as law abiding citizens.

**History:** The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) was opened as restricted minimum-security facility for adult male offenders on January 13, 2006. This Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facility was converted into the nation's first correctional facility dedicated to re-entry after serving as the Indiana Boy's School for over 100 years. IREF relocated to the city of Indianapolis on December 16, 2009 at the site of the former Indiana Women's Prison.

**Vision:** The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational facility uses best correctional practices to protect the public while providing Residents the skills for successful reintegration into the community with the goal of reducing recidivism.

# IREF At-a-Glance

- Founded on January 13, 2006
- Maximum population: 544
- Since 2006, IREF has prepared thousands of residents for successful re-entry to the community.
- Re-Entry Specialists maintain low caseloads in order to provide individualized case-management services to residents.
- Host site for the Indiana Department of Correction Indiana Veterans Education and Transition (INVET) Program
- IREF holds Residents to high standards of conduct; those who do not meet IREF standards for behavior, attitude, or participation are terminated from the program and returned to higher security level facilities.
- IREF encourages and allows residents to wear civilian clothing (*per facility-specific rules and regulations*).
- Volunteer, faith-based groups and mentors offer a variety of programs and activities, and take active roles in preparing residents for release.

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